



### **Christopher Hinkle**

I'm a sophomore at Cleveland High School in Portland. I have valued spending time in Oregon's forests and natural areas for my whole life and have also long enjoyed writing about my experiences. Unlike many of my peers, I prefer outside activities. I'm an avid birder, a hobby I've enjoyed since age seven, and I also like hiking, backpacking, cross-country skiing, and running. This contest was a great way to express my love of nature and share it with others.